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YEAR OF DECISION

President Nixon says the welfare programs and philosophy we have been following for more than thirty years have us on the road to national disaster. He is right. In proposing to get people off welfare and on workfare, the President coined a political slogan that seems to have wide appeal. Yet, his suggested program would multiply the evils of our present system, and accelerate our dash toward national disaster — by tripling the welfare rolls and costs, and by asserting the socialist doctrine that government is responsible for guaranteeing a specified annual income for everyone, whether he works or not.

State governors at their 1969 annual conference — excepting only Lester Maddox of Georgia — endorsed Nelson Rockefeller's scheme for *total* nationalization of all welfare programs. Rockefeller considers Nixon's plan far too stingy and limited.

Welfare will be a major issue in congressional elections next year. Nixon's scheme may become known as the "conservative" or "moderate" approach; Rockefeller's, as the "liberal" approach.

Both are illegal. The Constitution grants the federal government no authority to dispense tax money for welfare. Either will make matters worse, as our own recent history proves: we are closer to national economic disaster now than ever before, largely because of the hundreds of billions of tax dollars our government has squandered, ostensibly to avert national economic disaster.

The only effective solution is the legal one: instead of confiscating money from the people, hauling it to Washington, and then sending a small percentage back as aid — leave the money with the people who earned it. Then the industrious and frugal can look after themselves, and have enough left over for private help to those in distress, and for payment of local and state taxes to finance such programs as they, through state and local governments, decide must be handled by government.

That is the constitutional way to solve welfare, and other, problems; but few political candidates

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ever recommend it. The few who do, often fail to get the support of many conservatives who consider themselves politically sophisticated. Though believing in constitutional government, the "sophisticated conservatives" turn their backs on a constitutionalist candidate, because they "know he cannot win." They support a "moderate" whom they dislike but who "has a chance to win," in order to defeat a known liberal.

In most cases, their moderate conservative is a man with a false image. His policies are basically the same as those of known liberals.

A classic example of this situation exists in Texas.

Next year, U. S. Senator Ralph Yarborough (Democrat) will probably run for reelection to a third term.

Yarborough associates with, and is supported by, the most malignant political and social forces in the United States. This summer, for example, Yarborough went to California to march, barefooted, from El Centro to Calexico, with a mob of "grape strikers" (most of whom never picked a grape or otherwise worked on a farm). The mob was led by the socialist firebrand, Cesar Chavez,[1] who is doing more than anyone else to achieve the communist goal of collectivizing agriculture in the United States.

Americans for Democratic Action rates Yarborough among the best in the Senate (which means that he is among the worst).

Yarborough is a darling of the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Action (COPE). Union bosses operate and finance his powerful political machine in Texas. He, in turn, serves faithfully in the Senate as a mouthpiece for union bosses.

Who will oppose Yarborough next year? His Republican opponent will probably be George Bush. Young, wealthy, and personable, Bush is in his second term as U. S. Representative from Houston. He calls himself a "responsible conservative"; but a careful examination of voting records reveals that, on *basic issues*, Bush's position is the same as Yarborough's.

When campaigning (unsuccessfully) for the Senate against Yarborough in 1964, Bush denounced the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as unconstitutional. Bush was elected to the House in 1966, as a "responsible conservative." In 1968, he joined Yarborough in voting for the unconstitutional *Civil Rights Act of 1968* — which, among other things, imposed forced housing (euphemistically called "fair housing") on the nation.

On April 25, 1967, Bush wrote a "Dear John" letter to an important constituent in Houston, saying among other things:

"As you know, I oppose the rent supplement program just as you do."

Yet, Bush has voted for *rent supplements* every year he has been in Congress. In 1967, President Johnson asked Congress for $40 million in new authority for rent supplements. On May 17, Bush voted with "conservatives" to eliminate the $40 million from an appropriations bill (HR 9960). The Senate put the $40 million back in the bill (Yarborough, of course, supporting the whole amount). On October 24, Bush voted with "conservatives" not to accept the Senate bill providing $40 million for rent supplements. On October 26, 1967, however, Bush voted with liberals to pass the appropriations bill which provided $10 million for rent supplements. Thus, Bush cast two "conservative" votes and one "liberal" vote on the same bill. The vote that helped appropriate ten million tax dollars for unconstitutional federal spending, was liberal, identical with Ralph Yarborough's stand on the same bill. On May 8, 1968, Bush voted for HR 17023 which authorized $30 million in new rent-supplement contracts. On June 24, 1969, Bush voted for HR 12307, which appropriated $50 million for rent supplements.

In June, 1968, both Bush and Yarborough voted for Lyndon Johnson's *10% surtax*, to halt inflation by taking more money away from the people. Later that year, Bush supported Nixon's

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position that inflation should be halted by reducing government spending, not by increasing taxes. But on August 4, 1969, Bush voted for Nixon's extension of the 10% surtax, to halt inflation, which had spiraled sharply since the tax was first imposed to halt inflation. Yarborough voted against extension of the surtax in 1969.

On May 21, 1969, the House debated HR 11400, providing supplemental appropriations in the current fiscal year for various programs which had overspent allotments made to them last year. Bush voted with "conservatives" for an amendment to HR 11400, prohibiting construction-loan subsidies to colleges which had failed to cut off federal aid to student rioters. The House adopted the amendment by a vote of 329-61. Bush then voted with "liberals" for passage of the bill, providing $3.8 billion in supplemental appropriations.

The Senate debated HR 11400, June 17-19, 1969 — accepting the "conservative" amendment the House had added, but taking eight roll-call votes on amendments to remove spending limitations and to increase appropriations for health, education, and poverty-war programs. The Senate added $600 million to the bill and passed it, providing $4.4 billion in supplemental appropriations. Yarborough voted for all eight liberal amendments, and for final passage of the bill.

On July 9, 1969, Bush voted for the Senate's $4.4 billion version of HR 11400 — exactly as Yarborough had voted.

The same thing happened on July 31, 1969, when the House was debating HR 13111, a bill appropriating money for the Departments of HEW and Labor in fiscal 1970. Bush voted with "conservatives" for an amendment prohibiting the U.S. Office of Education from dispensing funds to any college which had not stopped giving tax money to students involved in riots. The "conservative" amendment passed.

Bush voted against a "liberal" amendment which added $895 million to scheduled appropriations for the U. S. Office of Education. The "liberal" amendment passed.

Bush then voted for passage of HR 13111, which (with the $895 million added to the already-staggering sum designated for the illegal activities of the Office of Education) appropriated $17.6 billion for the Departments of Labor and HEW in fiscal 1970. Yarborough, of course, approved the same appropriations bill.[2]

Thus, George Bush creates a conservative image by voting for "conservative" amendments to unconstitutional legislation; but, in the end, he joins extreme leftists in voting for final passage of the legislation.

Our tax money, appropriated for unconstitutional *federal aid to education* (by men like Republican George Bush and Democrat Ralph Yarborough), is used to subsidize rioters and subversives on college campuses; to force illegal guidelines upon school systems and businesses; to finance pornography ("sex education") in public school classrooms; to pay for "sensitivity training" programs, which are among the most sinister of all organized efforts to debauch and debase Americans.

Yarborough and Bush both voted for the unconstitutional *Omnibus Crime Control Bill of 1968*, which was a giant step toward federal control of local police.

They both voted for the unconstitutional *Gun Control Act of 1968.*

From its inception, Yarborough has supported the ludicrous *Peace Corps* which sends hippies, bearded peacenicks, and mini-skirted Vietcong sympathizers into "backward" countries to represent the United States — and which is costing us taxpayers about $115 million a year. Bush has consistently voted for Peace Corps authorizations.

Yarborough voted for the *Social Security Amendments Act of 1967* which provided a 15% increase in social security benefits. Bush voted for the final bill which provided a 13% increase.

Ever since they have been in Congress, both Bush and Yarborough have voted for every authorization bill for *public housing* — an uncon-

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stitutional program of taking money from some citizens to provide below-cost housing for other citizens.

Bush and Yarborough have consistently voted for *Urban Renewal*, an unconstitutional program of city planning, in which the property of some citizens is purchased with tax money, for resale (at below the purchase price) to other citizens, who develop the property according to plans pleasing to federal planners in Washington. Urban renewal has destroyed the homes of thousands of people, without providing new homes for them; and it has opened rich veins of graft and corruption, on a national scale, with taxpayers bearing the cost.

Bush and Yarborough have consistently voted for the *Model Cities Program*, which is an extension and enlargement of urban renewal. If it is ever funded and implemented as planned, the model cities program will drain the federal treasury for rebuilding and remodeling entire metropolitan areas throughout the nation — in conformity with plans laid down in Washington, and governed by guidelines writers in the federal bureaucracy.

Bush and Yarborough consistently vote for unconstitutional *Agricultural Programs* — which have cost taxpayers more than $170 billion since 1935, and which have done infinite damage to agriculture.

In 1967, Yarborough and Bush both voted for HR 7476, the *Silver Certificate* bill, authorizing an accelerated phase-out of silver backing for Treasury silver certificates.

In 1968, Yarborough and Bush voted for HR 14743, the *Gold Cover* bill, which further debased our money by eliminating the requirement that Federal Reserve Banks maintain gold certificate reserves to cover 25% of all Federal Reserve notes (paper money) in circulation.

In 1967, both Yarborough and Bush voted for the *Teacher Corps* (federal teachers in local schools), one of the most controversial of Lyndon Johnson's unconstitutional poverty-war programs.

Yarborough has always supported *foreign aid.* Bush has voted against a few foreign aid bills, and has voted to limit others. But on November 8, 1967, Bush voted for S 1872, which authorized $2.7 billion in foreign aid for fiscal 1968; on July 18 and September 19, 1968, Bush voted for HR 15263, which authorized $1.9 billion in foreign aid for fiscal 1969.

Does this condition exist in your state? When voting for members of Congress, are you limited to a choice between a *known liberal*, and a *liberal with a false conservative image?* Check the voting of your U. S. Representative and Senators — on the *basic* issues — and find out.(3)

Next year ought to be the year of decision. No matter what it takes, find constitutionalists to run for seats in the House and Senate — and then support them to the hilt, no matter what.

FOOTNOTES

(1) *Time*, July 4, 1969

(2) The voting of Ralph Yarborough and George Bush was taken from *Congressional Quarterly Almanac*, 1967 and 1968, and from 1969 issues of *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report.*

(3) For voting records of all Members of Congress in 1967 and in the first quarter of 1968, see "Record of the 90th Congress," *The Dan Smoot Report*, special issue, $1.00.

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